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15 August 1949

General J. Lawton Collins , USA
Chief of Staff
United States Army
Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

I am delighted to learn of your appointment by the President to the very important post of Chief of Staff of the Army and hasten to extend my sincerest congratulations.

With very best wishes and kindest personal regards, believe me,

Sincerely,

Signed & dispatched 8/15
thru R by hand

R. H. Hillenkoetter
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central
Intelligence

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"Dear Hilly, Many thanks indeed
for your nice note of congratulations
on my recent appointment as Chief
of Staff of the Army. I hope that,
in this new capacity, I will see a
bit more of you than has been the
case in the past. Meanwhile,
please accept my warmest regards,
and again many thanks. Faithfully
your, s/Joe Collins"